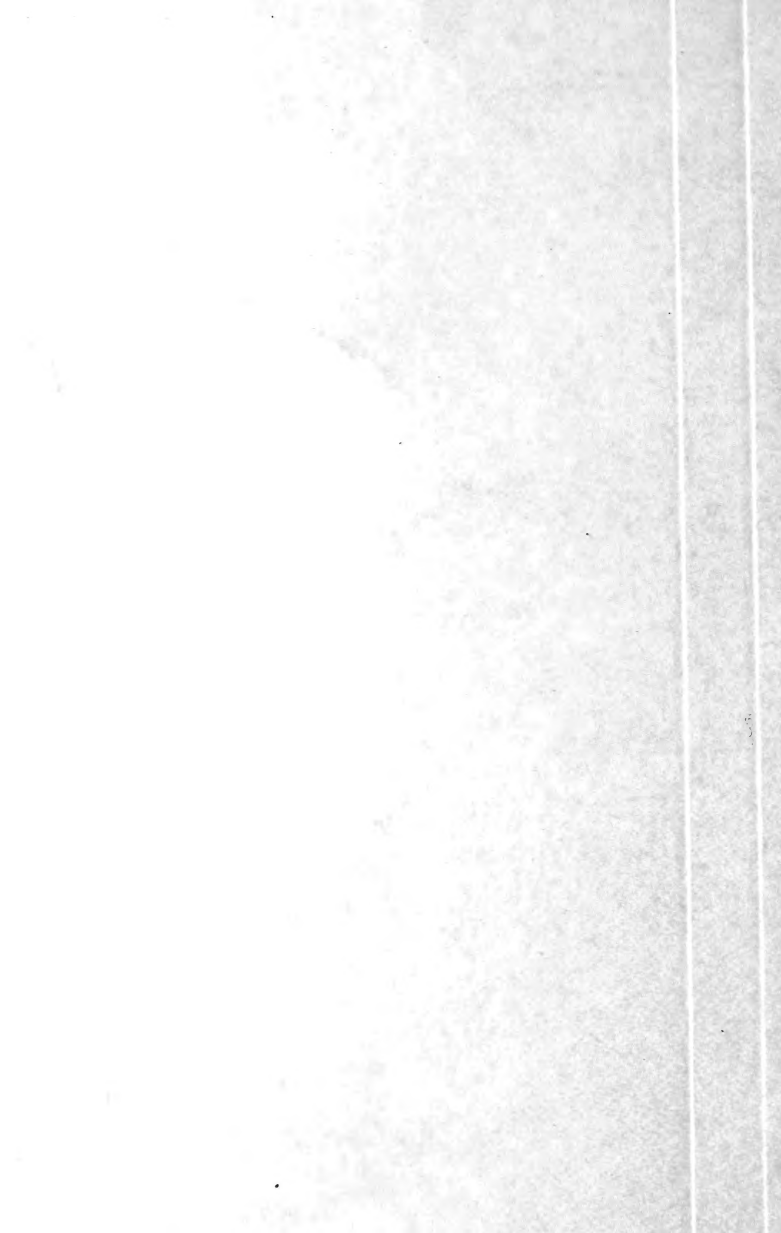


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Hints on the Cultivation of

HYACINTHS.

THIS deservedly popular bulbous plant is without doubt the most beautiful and useful of all spring-blooming bulbs. Its delightful fragrance and the numerous tints of its beautiful trusses of bell-shaped flowers render it invaluable to all lovers of flowers, and affords pleasure and delight to millions of the human race. It is of the easiest culture, and with any reasonable care no one can fail to meet with success in its cultivation. It is, however, highly important to secure the bulbs and have them planted as early as possible, while they are yet fresh and vigorous.

Pot Culture in the Window.—A four-inch pot is the best size for the successful growth of the bulb. It delights in a light, rich, sandy soil; when placed in the pot the upper surface of the bulb should show above the soil. After potting, water thoroughly and place them in a dark, cool place in the cellar, or out of doors well covered up with ashes, sand or such like material, there to remain until well rooted, when they should be taken in, a few at a time, to keep up a succession of bloom, and set in a warm light place in the house or greenhouse, to bring them into flower. When in active growth they should have an abundance of water.

Out-Door Culture.—Plant in October or early in November, in soil deeply cultivated and rich. Set the bulbs about 6 inches apart and about 4 inches deep, and, when convenient, placing a handful of sand around each to prevent rot. Cover the surface of the bed with light, short manure, as a protection to the bulbs during the severe months of winter. Remove this covering as soon as the severe frost is gone in spring. After flowering, and when the foliage is well matured, the bulbs may be removed from the soil and kept dry until the following fall; or, if the bed is wanted for summer flowering plants before the foliage is ripened, the bulbs may be carefully removed and again covered with soil in any out-of-the-way corner of the garden until they have matured their foliage.

My stock this year is by far the best stock I have ever handled. By importing them myself, I have secured better

bulbs and better prices as will be seen by the extra low prices at which I am offering them. But it must be understood that I do not try to compete with fake adds of eastern firms of questionable reliability which send out stuff of inferior quality that never give satisfaction nor half the bloom that my Superior Bulbs will.

FLOWER POTS.

All sizes, at prices far below any ever offered heretofore.

CUT FLOWERS AND DESIGNS.

We are better prepared than ever to attend to the wants of the public for cut flowers, designs, plants and decorations.

METALLIC DESIGNS.

I am showing the largest and finest line of wreaths, crosses, anchors, etc., that have ever been brought to the west, and at prices from 75c up. Nothing could be finer for grave decoration than one of these metallic designs.

NAMED HYACINTHS.

Single Red and Rose.

Lord Macaulay.—Extra dark rose, large bells.

Lord Wellington.—Extra pale rose, early.

L' Adorable.—Good spike, fine red.

Miss Cornelia.

Single Blue.

Baron Von Thuyll.—Bright blue, compact spike.

Charles Dickens.—Extra fine bells, bright blue, fine spike.

Heonedas.

Single White.

Baron Von Thuyll.—Compact, pure white.

Vesta.

Pavillon Blanc.

Double Red and Rose.

Bouquet Tendre.—Dark red, early.

Prince of Orange.

Double Yellow.

Bouquet d'Orange.—Orange, semi-double.

Goethe.—Sulphur yellow, good spike, early.

Double White.

La Tour d'Auvergne.—Pure, fine truss.

Iceptre D-Or.

Double Blue.

Louis Filippe.

Violet Croofvost.

Price 8 cts. each; 75 cts. per dozen; \$5.00 per 100.

CHOICE MIXED HYACINTHS.

In Separate Colors.

These mixtures are selected from the named varieties, for planting out doors or for forcing in the greenhouse, where a quantity of bloom is desired for cut flower work.

Single—Dark red.

" Light red and
rose.

" Pure White.

" Blush white.

" Dark blue.

" Light blue.

" Yellow.

" Mixed.

Double—Dark red

" Light red and
rose.

" Pure white.

" Blush white.

" Dark blue.

" Light blue.

" Yellow.

" Mixed.

Price, 5c each; 50c per doz; \$3.75 per 100; 6 at dozen rates; 25 at 100 rates.

By mail, add 10c per doz. Single bulbs mailed free.

ROMAN HYACINTHS.

There are no more popular winter-blooming bulbs than Roman Hyacinths. They are certain to bloom in the house and may easily be grown by the most inexperienced in pots of soil, or in water and pebbles. By planting early, flowers may be had at Christmas or sooner; a succession can be kept up by potting bulbs at intervals.

Single—Blue.....50c per doz.

" Light Rose....." "

" White....." "

" Dark rose, early, good spike....." "

GRAPE HYACINTH.

Not nearly as well known as it should be. It is perfectly hardy and increases rapidly. The flowers consist of little bells so arranged on the spikes as to resemble a bunch of grapes. It has been called the "Blue Lilly of the Valley" and when planted with that popular flower the effect is very pleasing. Is very valuable for winter blooming in pots; five or six bulbs in a 5-inch pot.

Sky Blue, 2 for 5c; 12 for 15c.

TULIPS.

For making a handsome display in the garden in the early spring, before we even dare plant our summer flowering plants, there is no plant so effective, nor none so reliable as the Tulip. It may also be successfully grown in pots for the house or greenhouse, and when so grown is treated about the same as the Hyacinth. Nothing can be much more handsome than a good-sized pot with several bulbs of various varieties of these in it, in full bloom.

Garden Culture.—Any good soil, well enriched, will suit these bulbs. October, or early in November, is the proper time to plant them. Set them four or five inches apart, and about three inches deep. Protect them during the severe months of winter with a covering of straw or manure.

Early Single Tulips.

	Doz.	Per 100.
Duc van Tholl	20	\$1.50
Von Govern (Pink).....	20	1.50
Princess Marianne (White).....	20	1.50
Yellow Prince (Yellow).....	20	1.50
Duchess of Panna (Yellow and Brown).....	20	1.50
La Reine (Pure White).....	20	1.50
Cardinalis (Red).....	20	1.50
Rosamundi (Pink).....	20	1.50

Single Tulips.

Superfine mixed.....	25	1.00
Fine mixed.....	15	.75

Double Flowered Tulips, Named Varieties.

	Doz.	Per 100.
Temporator Rubrumi (Red).....	.25	\$1.50
LeBlason (Pink).....	.25	1.50
Tourensol (Red and Yellow).....	.30	2.00
La Candeur (White) Early.....	.15	.85
Yellow Rose (Golden Yellow) Late.....	.20	1.50
Velvet Gem (Dark Brown).....	.25	1.50
Fraricina (Red).....	.25	1.50
La Candeur (White) Late.....	.25	1.50

Double Tulips.

Superfine mixed.....	.25	\$1.00
Fine mixed.....	.15	.75

Parrot Tulips.

	Doz.	Per 100.
Constant nople (Red).....	.25	\$1.60
Lutea (Yellow).....	.25	1.60
Markgraaf (Orange).....	.25	1.60
Perfecta (Yellow and Red with Green).....	.25	1.60
Mixed.....	.20	1.50

FREESIAS.

These are among the most popular bulbs for winter blooming in the conservatory or window garden. The bulbs seem small in comparison with the foliage and flower spikes; the flowers are delightfully fragrant and after being cut and placed in water remain in good condition a long time. Four to six bulbs may be planted in a 4-inch pot. Growth commences at once so they need not be set away to form roots like Hyacinths. By planting early and at intervals a succession of bloom can be had from Christmas on. Per dozen, 10c.

Refracta Alba.—Pure white with small yellow blotch on lower petal, remarkably fragrant and very lasting.

CHINESE SACRED LILY.

Produces very large bulbs, measuring from 12 to 18 inches in circumference, which throw up from 5 to 10 flower spikes, bearing clusters of large, perfect waxy white blossoms with yellow center

of a most delicious fragrance. They grow well in pots in a light and sandy soil, but the most successful way of cultivating is as the Chinese do—in water. Flowers freely, and can be planted at any time from October until March. It seldom fails, even with the most careless cultivators, and, take all in all, the bulb is like the nation from which it comes, a remarkable one.

Price, large selected bulbs, each 10c; if to go by mail add 5c per bulb.

OXALIS.

Most of these Oxalis flower from October until Christmas, and later. They are very pretty, of easy culture, requiring only a good, somewhat peaty soil, with considerable light, under which treatment they will succeed well. Put four or five in a 4-inch pot. Charming for window boxes or hanging baskets.

	Per doz.
Alba (White).....	.25
Cernua Lutea (Yellow) Single.....	.25
Hirta Rosea (Pink).....	.25
Scarlet , very fine.....	.25

SCILLA.

A very interesting and pretty dwarf early flowering bulb. The flowers are beautiful, produced in clusters and generally appear before the leaves, and resemble those of the Hyacinth, only much smaller. This plant is perfectly hardy, and when once planted need not again be disturbed. Being small, the bulbs should be planted in clusters, bearing a profusion of remarkably pretty rich blue flowers. Per dozen, 15c.

NARCISSUS, OR DAFFODILS.

Von Sion.—The grand old-fashioned double yellow Daffodil. Very hardy outside and blooms freely in pots in the house. Everybody should plant this one, sure to bloom anywhere and everywhere. Per dozen, 35c.

Paper White.—Pure white, bloom by Christmas. Per dozen 35c.

Poeticus.—Pheasant's Eve.—One of the most fragrant of the Daffodils; beautiful white flowers with small yellow cup with a

distinct rim of scarlet. Very hardy; charming in borders or clumps. Per dozen, 25c.

Mixed, including all colors, 25c doz.

CROCUS.

The hardiest and earliest of all spring flowers, sending up its bright little flowers before the snow has fairly disappeared. They should be planted about 2½ inches deep and covered slightly during severe weather. Planted in clusters or borders, they are quite showy and increase from year to year. They will flower easily in the house in moss, water or earth with the same treatment as Hyacinths.

Mixed Crocus.

	Doz.	Per 100.
White.....	.10	\$.50
Striped and Variegated.....	.10	.50
Blue.....	.10	.50
Large Yellow.....	.10	.50
All Colors in splendid mixture.....	.10	

SNOWDROPS.

The little nodding flowers of this well known plant are generally the first to appear in spring, often rearing their delicate heads above a light covering of snow in early March. They are suitable for pot culture, but are most effective when planted in clumps on the lawn. Plant in September or October. Any good garden soil will suit them. They require no protection, being quite hardy.

	Per Doz.
Single.....	.15
Double.....	.25

LILIES.

No collection of plants is in any manner complete without one or more species of this lovely genus of plants.

All of the species named may be grown out of doors, but none of them as successfully as Candidum, which is perfectly hardy and seldom fails to annually produce an abundance of flowers. It should be planted in September or early in October.

For Pot Culture.—All of the varieties named may either be

potted singly or two or three bulbs, or even more may be put into any pot, according to fancy. The soil best adapted to them is a light rich loam, made rich with plenty of well-rotted manure and a good sprinkling of sharp sand added. The time to pot them varies according to the time that the flowers are desired. It may be done at any time, from September to February. After potting, stand them out of doors or in a cool house until well rooted; they should then be removed to a warmer temperature, and remain there until the flower buds begin to expand.

Candidum (Annunciation Lily)—The well-known pure white fragrant garden Lily, extra large bulbs..... \$.10

Lilium Longiflorum.—A variety bearing in clusters beautiful snow white trumpet shaped flowers of rare fragrance; almost like *Lilium Harrisii* in shape, but blooms later. Each 15c.

Harrisii.—This mammoth white Trumpet Lily, with flowers four to five inches long, is the best of all lilies for winter forcing and flowering, because its grand trumpet shaped flowers, which give forth a delicious perfume. Extra sized bulbs, which should produce from eight to fifteen flowers. Each, 15c.

Auratum.—(The Gold Banded Lily of Japan.) Immense white flowers, each petal marked with a wide gold band and spotted with maroon, very free blooming. It is considered by many the finest of them all. Fine bulbs, 7 to 9 inches, each, 15c.

Calla Lilies.

Each, 15 and 25c.

SPECIAL LOW PRICE BULB COLLECTION.

Bulbs for Window Blooming.

Nothing can excel the beauty of a few bulbs grown in pots for decoration during the winter and spring months. They impart to a room the cheerfulness of a summer garden, and this during the dullest days of winter, when all outside nature is covered with its mantle of snow and ice. They are of so easy culture that even a novice can make a success of them at his first attempt.

In order to encourage the growth of these handsome window bulbs, we have made up a special collection of fifty bulbs for continuous flowering. On the first page of our catalogue we give de-

tailed instructions for the cultivation of window bulbs which, if followed out, will insure success.

Popular Bulb Collection, Only \$1.00.

(Fifty Bulbs for Winter Blooming)

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| 4 Hyacinths, Named. | 2 Polyanthus Narcissus. |
| 2 Hyacinths, White Roman. | 1 Narcissus, Von Sion. |
| 8 Tulips, Named. | 1 Narcissus, Chinese Sacred. |
| 6 Oxalis. | 10 Crocus. |
| 6 Scillas. | 6 Freesia. |
| 1 Easter Lily. | 3 Grape Hyacinth. |

Bulb Collection, 50 Cents.

Contains 30 winter-flowering bulbs which we will send free by mail for 50c.

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| 1 White Roman Hyacinth. | 6 Freesia Refracta Alba. |
| 2 Dutch Hyacinth. | 2 Narcissus Paperwhite. |
| 4 Crocus. | 6 Single and Double Tulips, mixed. |
| 4 Oxalis. | 1 Lily Harristi. |
| 2 Narcissus, Von Sion. | 3 Grape Hyacinth. |

Bulb Collection, 25 Cents.

Contains 25 spring-blooming bulbs which we will send free by mail for 25c.

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| 5 Crocus, mixed. | 5 Snowdrops. |
| 3 Daffodils, mixed. | 5 Tulips, mixed. |
| 2 Dutch Hyacinths. | 2 Scilla Siberica. |
| 3 Oxalis. | |

BOWKER'S PLANT FOOD.

This is a most useful fertilizer for all kinds of plants raised in pots. It produces a rapid and vigorous growth and abundance of flowers. It is odorless and takes the place of liquid manure. Drives all insects out of the soil.

Price per small package, containing sufficient plant food for twenty plants for three months, 25c.

Price per large package, containing sufficient plant food for twenty plants for one year, 35c.

Each package contains full directions.

FERTILIZERS.

My special mixture for palms and hard wood plants makes them grow with a healthy green foliage and always pleases. Per pound, 15c.

Bone Meal..... 5c per pound.

Guyano..... 10c per pound.

